

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jianying Li et al.	:	
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR CT	:	
SMOOTHING TO REDUCE ARTIFACTS	:	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Office Action mailed June 19, 2008 has been carefully reviewed, and the following amendment has been made in consequence thereof. In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application all claims of Group I as identified in the Office Action. Claims 1-6, 15-20, and 29-34 are in the elected claim group.

The restriction requirement is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Groups I and II clearly are related. It is believed that a thorough search and examination of any claim group would be relevant to the examination of the other groups. In addition, requirements for restriction are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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